

1st April 1930]

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1698.

### Marine

*Communal representation in higher grade posts in the Madras Port Trust.*

\* 1700 Q.—Mr. J. A. DAVIS: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the number of appointments in the higher grade in the Madras Port Trust and how many of them are filled by Europeans, Indians and Anglo-Indians?

A.—As the hon. Member is aware the Local Government are merely the agents of the Government of India in regard to this matter. The following statement shows the proportion in which appointments under the Madras Port Trust Board carrying a maximum salary of over Rs. 300 per mensem are held:—

	Number.
Europeans ... ..	17 (including five Harbour Masters.)
Anglo-Indians ... ..	6
Indians ... ..	6
Total ... ..	29

### Assignment of Lands

*Assignment of lands near Thambrahalli village.*

\* 1701 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is proposed to allow the portion of land intervening between the Thambrahalli village and the river Hagari to be cleared of the growth of prickly-pear on it with a view to its assignment for cultivation; and

(b) whether the people of Thambrahalli have objected to the proposed clearance and assignment of land for cultivation; and, if so, with what results?

A.—(a) There is no such proposal before the Government.

(b) No such representation has been received by the Government.

*Classification of waste lands under the Cauvery and Periyar systems.*

\* 1702 Q.—Mr. K. P. V. S. MUHAMMAD MEERA RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(a) soilwar, the area and classification and present taram-rate of various waste lands in the taluks covered by the Cauvery and Periyar systems;

(b) the extent of the total area reserved for ex-service men, depressed classes; and

(c) the balance of the extent made available for the poor Muhammadan ryots?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have not the information asked for.